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**CHARGERS QB PHILIP RIVERS, BENGALS CB DRE KIRKPATRICK & TEXANS K RANDY BULLOCK NAMED AFC PLAYERS OF WEEK 16**

Quarterback **PHILIP RIVERS** of the San Diego Chargers, cornerback **DRE KIRKPATRICK** of the Cincinnati Bengals and kicker **RANDY BULLOCK** of the Houston Texans are the AFC Offensive, Defensive and Special Teams Players of the Week for games played in the 16th week of the 2014 season (December 18, 21-22), the NFL announced today.

**OFFENSE: QB PHILIP RIVERS, SAN DIEGO CHARGERS**

- Rivers passed for 356 yards and four touchdowns in the Chargers' 38-35 overtime win at San Francisco on Saturday Night in primetime.
- Three of Rivers' four touchdown passes, which tied a career-high, came in the second half, including a game-tying 11-yard score to wide receiver **MALCOM FLOYD** that tied the score at 35-35 to force overtime.
- Rivers helped the Chargers overcome a 21-point deficit, tying for the largest comeback victory in franchise history.
- Rivers now has 252 career touchdown passes, eclipsing **DREW BLEDSOE** (251) for No. 16 all-time, and joined Pro Football Hall of Famer **DAN FOUTS** (254) as the only quarterbacks in franchise history to reach 250.
- In his 11th season from North Carolina State, this is Rivers' sixth career Player of the Week Award and first since 2013 (Week 4).
- His six career Offensive Player of the Week Awards are the second-most of any Chargers player since the award's inception in 1984 (running back **LA DAINIAN TOMLINSON**, 10).

**DEFENSE: CB DRE KIRKPATRICK, CINCINNATI BENGALS**

- Kirkpatrick had two interceptions, including a 30-yard touchdown return, and added two special teams tackles in the Bengals' 37-28 win against Denver on *Monday Night Football*.
- Both of Kirkpatrick's interceptions came on the Broncos' final two drives of the game to seal the victory, which clinched the Bengals' fourth consecutive postseason berth, the longest streak in club history.
- With 2:50 remaining in the fourth quarter, Kirkpatrick jumped in front of a pass in the flat and returned it 30 yards for a touchdown that capped the scoring.
- With the Broncos' driving deep into Bengals' territory on the next series, Kirkpatrick made a diving interception at the five-yard line with 1:07 remaining left on the clock.
- Kirkpatrick's two interceptions, which equaled his career-high, tied for the most in the NFL in Week 16.
- In his third season from Alabama, this is Kirkpatrick's first career Player of the Week Award.
- He is the second Bengal to win a Player of the Week Award in as many games, following rookie running back **JEREMY HILL** (Week 15, Offense).

**SPECIAL TEAMS: K RANDY BULLOCK, HOUSTON TEXANS**

- Bullock converted all six field-goal attempts and one PAT for 19 total points in the Texans' 25-13 win against Baltimore.
- He led all players in scoring in Week 16, accounting for 19 of the Houston's 25 points to help keep the Texans in the hunt for an AFC playoff berth.
- Bullock's career-high six made field goals (35, 25, 30, 20, 39 and 33 yards) set a single-game Texans record, and he is the only NFL player to convert six field-goal attempts in a game this season.
- In his third season from Texas A&M, this is Bullock's first career Player of the Week Award.
- Bullock is the first Texans player to be named Special Teams Player of the Week since kick returner-wide receiver **JACOBY JONES** in 2009 (Week 4) and first kicker since **KRIS BROWN** in 2007 (Week 5).

## 2014 AFC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

	<u>Offense</u>	<u>Defense</u>	<u>Special Teams</u>
<b>Wk 1</b>	TE Julius Thomas, Denver	DE Cameron Wake, Miami	K Dan Carpenter, Buffalo
<b>Wk 2</b>	TE Antonio Gates, San Diego	DE Chandler Jones, New England	RB-KR C.J. Spiller, Buffalo
<b>Wk 3</b>	QB Andrew Luck, Indianapolis	DE Corey Liuget, San Diego	K Justin Tucker, Baltimore
<b>Wk 4</b>	RB Jamaal Charles, Kansas City	DE J.J. Watt, Houston	K Nick Novak, San Diego
<b>Wk 5</b>	WR Demaryius Thomas, Denver	DT Marcell Dareus, Buffalo	LB Tank Carder, Cleveland
<b>Wk 6</b>	QB Joe Flacco, Baltimore	DT Jurrell Casey, Tennessee	P Pat McAfee, Indianapolis
<b>Wk 7</b>	QB Peyton Manning, Denver	LB Telvin Smith, Jacksonville	DT Chris Jones, New England
<b>Wk 8</b>	QB Ben Roethlisberger, Pittsburgh	S Louis Delmas, Miami	RB-KR Knile Davis, Kansas City
<b>Wk 9</b>	QB Ben Roethlisberger, Pittsburgh	CB Brent Grimes, Miami	PR-WR Julian Edelman, New England
<b>Wk 10</b>	RB Justin Forsett, Baltimore	S Jaiquawn Jarrett, N.Y. Jets	FB Anthony Sherman, Kansas City
<b>Wk 11</b>	RB Jonas Gray, New England	DE J.J. Watt, Houston	P Mike Scifres, San Diego
<b>Wk 12</b>	RB Justin Forsett, Baltimore	S Charles Woodson, Oakland	RB Boobie Dixon, Buffalo
<b>Wk 13</b>	QB Ryan Fitzpatrick, Houston	LB D'Qwell Jackson, Indianapolis	K Josh Scobee, Jacksonville
<b>Wk 14</b>	RB Le'Veon Bell, Pittsburgh	LB Elvis Dumervil, Baltimore	P Ryan Allen, New England
<b>Wk 15</b>	RB Jeremy Hill, Cincinnati	CB Aqib Talib, Denver	PR-RB De'Anthony Thomas, Kansas City
<b>Wk 16</b>	QB Philip Rivers, San Diego	CB Dre Kirkpatrick, Cincinnati	K Randy Bullock, Houston

### Other nominees for AFC Offensive Player of Week 16 as submitted by AFC clubs:

- Houston running back **ARIAN FOSTER**, who posted 119 scrimmage yards (96 rushing, 23 receiving) and threw a touchdown pass.
- Cincinnati rookie running back **JEREMY HILL**, who rushed for 147 yards on 22 carries (6.7 average) and one touchdown in the Bengals' 37-28 win against Denver.
- Miami quarterback **RYAN TANNEHILL**, who completed 35 of 47 passes (74.5 percent) for 396 yards and four touchdowns for a 118.8 passer rating in the Dolphins' 37-35 win against Minnesota.

### Other nominees for AFC Defensive Player of Week 16 as submitted by AFC clubs:

- San Diego safety **MARCUS GILCHRIST**, who had six tackles and forced a fumble.
- Pittsburgh linebacker **JAMES HARRISON**, who posted seven tackles and 1.5 sacks in the Steelers' 20-12 win against Kansas City.
- Oakland rookie linebacker **KHALIL MACK**, who had five tackles and a sack in the Raiders' 26-24 win against Buffalo.
- Jacksonville rookie linebacker **TELVIN SMITH**, who posted 15 tackles in the Jaguars' 21-13 win against Tennessee.
- Miami defensive end **CAMERON WAKE**, who had four tackles and two sacks.
- Houston defensive end **J.J. WATT**, who notched eight tackles and one sack.

### Other nominees for AFC Special Teams Player of Week 16 as submitted by AFC clubs:

- Miami rookie defensive end **TERRENCE FEDE**, who blocked a punt out of the end zone for a safety.
- Oakland kicker **SEBASTIAN JANIKOWSKI**, who converted four of five field-goal attempts and both PATs.